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**CURBING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THROUGH
STATE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES IN CALIFORNIA**

Thursday, January 30, 2003 ♦ 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time)

Program Overview

On July 22, 2002, Governor Gray Davis signed Assembly Bill 1493, global warming legislation that places California at the forefront of national efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. AB 1493 is one of the first laws in the country to seek reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generally, and the first to seek reductions in emissions specifically from cars and light trucks. The law also provides an opportunity for automobile manufacturers to take advantage of incentives for early action. The law calls on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to issue regulations for controlling motor vehicle GHG emissions by Jan. 1, 2005, which would apply first to the 2009 model year, and encourages earlier reductions quantified with protocols adopted by the California Climate Action Registry (the Registry).

The Registry was created by California law in 2000 (SB1771) and 2001 (SB527). It is a non-profit registry for inventorying and reporting GHG emissions and was created to protect and encourage early reductions of GHG emissions from a wide spectrum of participants, including utilities, businesses, and government agencies. Under AB 1493, it will also register early reductions from auto manufacturers and help CARB in administering any flexibility mechanisms it decides to accept as part of the auto GHG regulations.

California is taking a lead in various initiatives to reduce GHG emissions. AB 1493 is of national interest because other states may adopt California's motor vehicle standards, and the stringency of federal standards often follows California's. AB 1493 may be challenged in court with constitutional arguments and therefore may serve as a test case for other innovative state programs. Other countries around the world will also be monitoring the success of AB 1493, as a possible model for their own GHG emissions rules and as an example of workable (or unworkable) global warming initiatives in the United States.

Further information regarding California's initiatives can be found at www.arb.ca.gov, www.climateregistry.org, and www.energy.ca.gov. Other background materials will be available on-line to participants.

Who Should Attend?

Practitioners working on:

- Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- International Energy and Resource Law
- Air Quality
- International Environmental Law
- Energy Law
- California Law

Faculty

Moderator:

Karen Hopfl Harris, Esq., Environmental Consultant, Vice Chair of the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Committee, Washington, DC

Panelists:

Mary D. Nichols, Secretary for Resources, California Resources Agency, State of California, Sacramento, CA

Diane Wittenberg, President, California Climate Action Registry, Los Angeles, CA

David Aron Livingston, Staff Counsel, California Air Resources Board, Sacramento, CA

This program will not offer CLE credit.

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